

1.3.5 OPERATIONAL IMPORTANCE

The η_I factor shall be determined for each structure in accordance with the following guidelines:

η_I factor	Important 1.05	Typical 1.0
ADT	> 20000	
Detour Length	> 50 miles	

If the route that the structure is on services an emergency facility (hospital, firestation, etc.) or a major transportation facility and the detour for the facility is greater than one mile the structure should be classified as Important.

If the structure carries utilities (water, gas, and power) and these utilities would be considered essential in the case of a natural disaster or emergency, the structure should be considered Important.

All bridges that are classified as critical under section 3.10.3 shall be considered Important.